

Weekly Status & Information Report: Week of July 19, 2004

- 1. Street Resurfacing Update (Wards 2, 3, 4, & 5):** Concrete work has been completed on South Manor Circle and Chestnut Avenue. The resurfacing of those streets and Grant Avenue (from Piney Branch Rd. to Holly Ave) will be scheduled within the next two weeks. Concrete work is currently underway on Maple Avenue between Sherman Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway. Plans include replacement of damaged curb and gutter, replacement of damaged sidewalk and in some areas widening of those sidewalks. Improvements to the handicap ramps at the intersections and crosswalk improvements are also planned. A representative from Ride-On visited the area to discuss improvements to all the bus stop pads to improve handicap access. We will be expanding the concrete pad around all bus stops to enable wheelchair bound riders to get from the sidewalk to the curb for bus pick up. (*Public Works*)
- 2. Curb Alterations (Ward 4):** PW and the Planning office have been discussing some alterations to the curb line for the small commercial area adjacent to Sherman Avenue. These include making the bus stop more accessible and potentially altering the parallel parking area to angled parking as well as improving the handicap ramps and crosswalk visibility. (*Public Works*)
- 3. Web Site Notice Board:** The Notice Board, posted on the City's Web Site, was intermittently down on Thursday and Friday July 22nd and 23rd due to problems at the vendor's server. It appears to be functional again. It is worth noting that this board has had over 8,400 visitors since it was created in March of 2004, so clearly it is a good place to post announcements. (*Communications*)
- 4. Day Laborer Site (Ward 3):** The trailer at the day laborer site does not have electricity or access to water at the current time. City staff has been working on these and several other issues. PEPCO has been responsive in expediting new electrical service to the trailer, but it still may take a week. Electrical service is particularly important for air conditioning in the trailer. Besides being the office for the site manager, the trailer is used for English classes. (*City Manager*)
- 5. Hospital Text Amendment (All Wards):** At a meeting on July 22, the Planning Board asked its staff to begin drafting recommendations for changes to the processes hospitals must go through when applying to modify their facilities. The recommended changes are to be presented to the public for comments in September. It is anticipated that any recommendations will be discussed by the Takoma Park City Council. (*Community & Government Liaison*)
- 6. COPS Meetings (All Wards):** In the COP Team, Ofc. Conrad attended the Long Branch business association meeting. (Ward 5) She also convened the bimonthly meeting of Beat W-5 apartment managers, with four managers in attendance. (Ward 3 & 4) This meeting is open to all apartment managers in that beat, to discuss their concerns, receive information from the police, and address common problems. Contact Ofc. Conrad at 301/891-7101 ext. 5682 for the date and time of the next meeting. Ofc. Butler has been

working on several projects, including enforcement of stop signs on Wildwood and speed enforcement on New Hampshire Avenue (Wards 2, 3, & 6). *(Police)*

7. Officers in Training: A/Sgt. Rich Poole attended EEO investigations training last week. Capt. Coursey and Lt. Cipperly will be attending "Practical Management for Police" training next week, sponsored by the Maryland Police Training Commission. *(Police)*

8. National Night Out (Wards 1, 3, 4, & 6): The COP Team, working with residents, report plans for Tuesday, Aug. 3, National Night Out events at Willow & Carroll (Victor Sector/Ward 1); in the 7600 block of Maple (William Secotr/ Wards 3&4); and at Boyd & Jackson and on Kennewick (X-ray Sector/ Ward 6). Residents should contact the COP Team (at 301/891-7124) if they need support in planned events. *(Police)*